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US 301 / MD 304 Interchange Construction

WHERE: Queen Anne's County

WHAT: Constructing an interchange along US 301 (Blue Star Memorial Highway) at MD 304 (Ruthsburg Road) to replace an existing intersection. The new interchange includes a two-lane bridge carrying MD 304 over US 301. Two single-lane roundabouts will be built along MD 304 on either side of the new bridge to safely guide drivers through the interchange. The project includes a new 25-space paved ridesharing lot in the northwest corner of the interchange, along with bicycle-compatible shoulders on the MD 304 Bridge to provide safe passage for cyclists and pedestrians.

WHY: The new interchange will provide safer travel through the area by separating traffic traveling along US 301 from traffic along MD 304. The project also will enhance access to the local middle and high schools. The interchange was Queen Anne's County's highest transportation priority and is strongly supported by the citizens' group "Support Overpass 4 Students." Currently, 21,720 vehicles along US 301 and 5,220 vehicles along MD 304 travel through this intersection each day, with traffic projected to increase to 32,400 (US 301) and 7,350 (MD 304) vehicles per day by 2030. Nearly one-quarter of all vehicles along US 301 in this area are trucks.

WHEN: Construction is scheduled to begin fall 2014 and be complete fall 2017, weather permitting.

COST: \$49.9 Million (\$8.2 Million Federal/\$41.7 Million State)
Construction: \$39.5 Million
Right-of-Way: \$2 Million
Planning: \$1 Million
Design: \$7.4 Million

LOCATION MAP:

